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IF THE DEAD RISE NOT? LET US EAT AND DRINK; FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 CORINTHIANS 15:32-58**

1 Corinthians 15:32, *If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.*

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message October 20, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

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2. NINETEEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

c. **If the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.**

1. **1 Corinthians 15:32**, *If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.*
2. It is emphasized here that the bodily resurrection is extremely important.
3. Paul says if there is no afterlife if there is no resurrection then we might as well live it up; eat, drink and be merry.
4. I am identified with Christ; we have been baptized into His death. **Galatians 2:20**, *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*
5. We are heirs with God the Father and joint-heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 8:17**, *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*
6. We are not only identified with Christ's death but His resurrection also.
7. In the latter part of this verse Paul is saying if the dead be not resurrected then we might as well adopt the philosophy of those who say eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.
8. We know this is evil and corrupt communication.
9. We also know there is life after death. **John 11:25-26**, *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26, And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*
10. We know there was a bodily resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

d. Evil communications corrupt good manners.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:33-34**, *Be not deceived: **evil communications corrupt good manners.** 34, Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*
2. It is amazing how clear the aforementioned Scripture is.
3. We live in gross deception; men and women are attempting to deceive us. **Colossians 2:8**, *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*
4. We must be diligent, sober and understand what the Word of God teaches and stay in the Book. **1 Peter 5:8**, *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*
5. The Corinthians were being deceived by those who questioned the resurrection.
6. This day in time, there is mass confusion in the body of Christ. **1 Corinthians 14:33**, *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*
7. We have different voices coming from different places and many are the voice of Satan himself.
8. We listen to those who claim they have super-knowledge and get special revelation from God. **John 20:30-31**, *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31, But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*
9. God says evil communications corrupt good manners and then He takes us back to the heart of the Gospel.
10. *"Awake to righteousness, and sin not;"* – we can have no righteousness other than the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Romans 3:22**, *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*
11. *"some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."* – When we listen to people who have no knowledge of God it is a shame because so many innocent people who really don't know are being deceived.
12. Paul admonishes them to *sin not* which speaks to the sin of unbelief assuring us that there must have been a resurrection. **Romans 14:23**, *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. 1John 5:1* *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 1John 3:9*, *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

e. How are the dead raised up?

1. **1 Corinthians 15:35**, *But some man will say, **How are the dead raised up?** and with what body do they come?*
2. It is very important for us to stay with the Preserved Word of God.
3. There is no room for private interpretation. **2 Peter 1:20**, *Knowing this first, that*

no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

4. *Men fail to distinguish the difference between the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul.*
5. I have tried to stress so many times it is not the body that gets saved when we come to know Jesus; it is the soul that is saved.
6. **Matthew 22:31-32**, *But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, **32**, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.*
7. When we come to know Christ as personal Saviour we are alive in Him.
8. The Sadducees denied any resurrection. They did not believe there was life after death and as a result of this false teaching there was a lot of confusion in the land.
9. Paul answers those who do deny the resurrection of the body by saying that Christ was bodily raised up.
10. How can a body die and rise again and be the same?
11. Paul says we learn from nature the body is the same but not identical. **1 Corinthians 15:52-53**, *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53**, For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*
12. We will clarify this issue as we look deeper into the points of the message.

f. Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:36**, ***Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:***
2. As we ponder for a minute let me give you an example; my late wife liked to garden. When a seed is placed in the ground it dies, germinates and produces fruit, then in many case it produces other seeds.
3. The seed that was sown is not the same as the seed that was produced.
4. When it disintegrates it produces seed and fruit.
5. Isn't this the same mystery we talk about when we come to the body?
6. What is death? It is set forth in three different ways. Physical death is separation of the soul, spirit and the body. Spiritual death mankind is born separated from God. Second death speaks of eternal separation from God.
7. The body goes to the grave and disintegrates; it decays and decomposes. **Genesis 3:19**, *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*
8. When the Lord Jesus Christ comes back again God will gather whatever is necessary in order to raise us and give us a glorified body, whether we be buried or cremated it makes no difference.
9. We will not go into Heaven with the body we have now, if we did Heaven would be the same as it is down here on earth.
10. We must be changed.
11. Now Paul deals with another question.

g. Thou sowest not that body that shall be.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:37**, *And that which thou sowest thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:*
 2. Christ often used local illustrations in order to drive home a point. Here He is talking about sowing grain.
 3. We know Christ was the first fruits and after Christ we will be raptured and our bodies will be changed. **1 Corinthians 15:23**, *But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Romans 8:23*, *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*
 4. There will be a generation still alive when Christ comes back, and that generation will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. **1 Thessalonians 4:17**, *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*
 5. The seed was sown does not provide itself with a new body, neither does the sower but only God provides it.
 6. Notice the words, *"thou sowest not that body that shall be,"*
 7. Our glorified bodies will be somewhat different from the body that is now in existence.
 8. The body that is now in existence is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
1 Corinthians 3:16, *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*
- h. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him.**
1. **1 Corinthians 15:38**, But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, *and to every seed his own body.*
 2. God says there will be identification with the former body.
 3. It is not going to be identical.
 4. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him. This body will be pleasing to our Lord Jesus Christ.
 5. It will be a glorified body not subject to the laws of nature as we have seen in Jesus Christ. **John 20:26**, *And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.*
- i. All flesh is not the same flesh.**
1. **1 Corinthians 15:39**, All flesh is not the same flesh: *but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.*
 2. **In one swoop God buries forever the theory of evolution; man did not evolve from anything because all flesh is not the same flesh.** **Genesis 1:27**, *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*
 3. There will be a difference between the dead body that was buried and the resurrection body that will be changed.
- j. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial.**
1. **1 Corinthians 15:40-41**, There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: *but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41, There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.*

2. Celestial means heavenly bodies and terrestrial means earthly bodies.
3. As we look at the stars it appears they are all the same; however, each star is different.
4. I stand amazed that God has placed humans on the earth and we are all different.
5. It doesn't make any difference how many people populate the earth; there is no one identical to the other.
6. There might be some similarities but not completely identical. Even twins have different fingerprints.
7. The resemblance that these bodies have is mentioned on several occasions when the Lord appeared to His disciples and they recognized Him and sometimes they didn't.

k. So also is the resurrection of the dead.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:42**, So also is the resurrection of the dead. *It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*
2. In Adam all die but in Christ all live. **1 Corinthians 15:22**, *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*
3. This is our guarantee that we will get a resurrected body one of these days.
4. Our body has always been subject to death.
5. If there had never been sin, the body would never have died.
6. When Adam sinned he plunged the whole human race into sin. **Psalms 51:5**, *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

l. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:43**, It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory; *it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*
2. We see the beauty of the new glorified body.
3. When the old body goes to the grave it is motionless and absolutely will decay.
4. There is weakness in the casket because there is no movement. **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.* We must be careful to note that this speaks to the body and not to the Spirit nor the soul.
5. When we get our glorified bodies, praise God, they will be raised in glory and raised in power.
6. We will have the ability to do things for the Lord Jesus Christ without the hindrances of the flesh.

m. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:44**, It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. *There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*
2. Paul tells us the only thing carried over in the resurrection is a body.
3. It is a natural body when it dies and a spiritual body when it is raised.
4. This does not mean it is a spiritual resurrection.
5. We must focus on the noun "body" and not the adjectives "natural" or "spiritual."
6. When we see this we know that the body will come forth. Jesus Christ came forth in a physical body; not spiritual or a natural body but a glorified body.

Philippians 3:21, *Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

n. The first man Adam was made a living soul.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:45**, *And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul**; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*
2. The first Adam was physical. Man is composed of body, soul and spirit. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**, *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
3. The last Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ, was spiritual.
4. He is the quickening spirit; He is the one who will give us the gloried body that will be pleasing unto Him.

o. But that which is natural.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:46-47**, *Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, **but that which is natural**; and afterward that which is spiritual. **47**, The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.*
2. I don't know how it can be plainer. The emphasis here is put on the Spirit world.
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God who lay down His life on the cross for our sins. **1 Timothy 3:16**, *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*
4. The first thing that came was the natural and then the spiritual.
5. The first man is of the earth and the second is the Lord from Heaven.
6. Everything is subject unto Him. **1 Corinthians 15:28**, *And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

p. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:48-50**, *As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. **49**, And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. **50**, Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*
2. God continues to tell us that the body must be changed.
3. Since we are all descendants of Adam we are of the earth and have to be changed to join Christ who we will rule and reign with. **Acts 17:26**, *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;*
4. Today we bear the image of the earthly but as believers we look to the day that we will bear the image of the Heavenly.
5. This is only reserved for those who are saved and born again.
6. We cannot get into Heaven with our current bodies. *"flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;"*
7. Our old bodies are full of corruption and sin.
8. Several weeks ago we talked about the heresy of the church; the first heresy was to deny the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.

9. We have seen there is clearly a difference between the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul.
 10. There are many who teach foreign doctrine on this subject.
- q. Behold, I shew you a mystery.**
1. **1 Corinthians 15:51, Behold, I shew you a mystery**; *We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*
 2. A mystery is something that had been hidden; the Gospel was a mystery in the Old Testament in that it had not been made known. **Colossians 1:26**, *Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*
 3. *"We shall not all sleep"* – indicates that there will be a generation still alive when the Lord Jesus Christ comes.
 4. Even though we will be alive our bodies must be changed. *"we shall all be changed,"*
- r. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.**
1. **1 Corinthians 15:52, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye**, *at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*
 2. It happens very quickly.
 3. At the last trump is clarified in the **Book of Revelation**. **Revelation 1:10-13**, *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, **11**, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. **12**, And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; **13**, And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*
 4. The last trump is the voice of Jesus Christ; the last call to mankind. He will call us by our name just as He did when He called Lazarus in **John 11:43**, *And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.*
- s. For this corruptible must put on incorruption.**
1. **1 Corinthians 15:53, For this corruptible must put on incorruption**, *and this mortal must put on immortality.*
 2. We cannot get into Heaven with our current bodies. The corruption must put on incorruption.
 3. When we are raised and changed our bodies will be new; a glorified body likened unto the Lord Jesus Christ.
- t. Death is swallowed up in victory.**
1. **1 Corinthians 15:54-57**, *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **55**, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? **56**, The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. **57**, But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2. Death has no control over us anymore as believers.
3. The last enemy is death. **1 Corinthians 15:26**, *The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*
4. Death has been swallowed up in victory; there is no more sting of death. **Revelation 1:18**, *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*
5. We thank God for the resurrection; for the victory in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. Thank God for what He has done for us.
7. There is no victory outside of the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. The Tribulation saints have given us a voice that we can use here although we are speaking of the church. *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*
9. They overcame Satan by the blood of the Lamb. **Hebrews 9:22**, *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Revelation 12:11*, *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

u. Ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:58**, *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as **ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.***
2. This is our final comfort.
3. It takes us back to **1 Corinthians 1:9**, *God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*
4. Jesus will come back for His own. **1 Thessalonians 4:18**, *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*
5. We can be stedfast standing on the Preserved Word of God, embracing the Deity of Christ and be anchored in the doctrine of justification by faith. The song writer had it right; we can firmly stand on the promises of God.
6. *"always abounding in the work of the Lord"* – because *"your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*
7. We have no more death or sin. We have praises, glory and honor to the King; our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who sits on the throne. **Revelation 21:4**, *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*
8. Death once was but is no more. It has been put away forever and the resurrection is here to stay.
9. Jesus Christ is alive! Halleluiah!

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know Christ as your personal Saviour?
- b. If you do not know Him you need to come to the foot of the cross. **Hebrews 10:12**, *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

- c. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29, Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- d. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- e. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- f. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- g. Would you please stand?

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